

THE MAN IN THE MIRROR

One happy island?

No mucho tempo pasa mi a disfruta di un dushi sunset sail riba laman dilanti e high rise hotels. E sunset tabata spectacular... manera semper, naturalesa no sa faya nos. Aínda nos tin nos clima fantastico, cu un cielo cla djies cu un paar di nubia chiquito pa accentua con blauw e ta. E atardi ey, manera semper, solo a baha cu e palet di color cu e so sa usa pa pinta

cielo. "This makes me return every time," un senora di edad riba e catamaran a bisami. "You guys are so blessed, this is truly paradise, one happy island indeed..." Naturalmente mi tabata sinti bon di scucha esey, mayoria di nos bishitante sa ta hopi carinoso den describi nos isla, pero ora mi tabata mira e costa mi no por a yuda; mi a hana un 'sinking feeling'... One happy island? Aínda?

Mas hotel: nos no tabata tin e plan pa no traha mas hotel? Poco poco pero mas lihe cada ana toch tin expansion.

E programma na radio emisoranan unda jan en allemaal ta ventila nan frustracion cu e situacion na Aruba.

Nos caminda cu ta wordo drecha, cu un capa di asfalt nobo pa despues trahadornan kibre atrobe... pakiko? Pa instala tubo, electra, telefon?

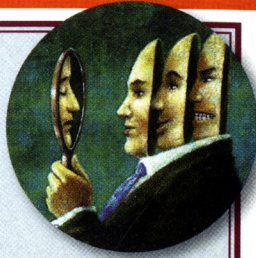
One happy island ta birando poco poco, pero den mes un tempo mas lihe mas y mas one heavy island. Nos in un abundad na fast food franchises y riba dje naturalmente tambe un abundad di diet plans, programs, buki etc etc.

Nos mandatarionan ta stress riba e fayonan di nan contrincante politico, sin menciona cu for di Status Aparte e debe di Aruba a crece so. Pero no ta nan contrincante so tabata na mando. Nan ta bisa tambe cu e situacion no ta asina malo pasobra e ta menos malo cu prome (sic).

Na scol secundario e idioma frances a wordo saca for di e vakkenpakket... Pakiko? Nos no ta un isla cu ta depende di turismo? Nos no ta orgulloso cu nos hende ta domina hopi idioma?

Mi por sigui cu e lista aki, pero porta lo ta mihor pa bai papia cu mas hende, 'the island people' mes. Mi mester scucha ki ta biba den hende, ki nan keho ta. Y no pa tende hende zundra so. Porta mi lo descubri e secreto di nos one happy island aki.

Pasobra apesar di tur problema, bringamento y zundramento, nos ta preparando pa e dianan di fiesta caba. Y no lubida carnaval, pa esey nos ta preparando caba. Ta nos mes un falta...



MERITOCRACY

Why I love a meritocracy

Meritocracy. Merit. Reward.
By the sweat of your brow ye shall eat bread.
Hard work means good reward.
Very hard work equals superb reward.
No work, no pay. Input equals output.
Lazy bum, empty pocket.
Industriousness generates income.
Industrious folks' market value soars.
Hard working people reap plentifully, bountifully.
It's a law. Of nature. Of physics. Action, reaction.

Break the cycle. The cycle of poverty. Of deprivation.
Break and do not mend. Break, forever. Unlock the cycle.
There are 2 keys. Try. Just try. Education. School. Grades.

Keep trying.
Unlock the cycle. Lock up poverty. Change class by continuously changing class.

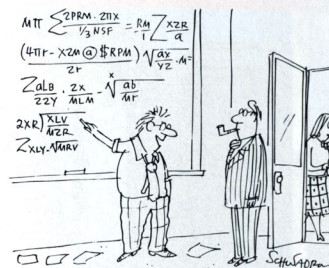
Initiative means business, means money, equals success.
Bind the dragon.

You are the winner! Winner. Reward. Merit. Meritocracy.

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HARI UN POCO...



"O.K., bo ta conveni awor di con facil e ley di impuesto aki lo ta pa otro comprende...."???



"Ayno, mi ta cansa di jaag henter dia... Bañ inventa gobierno y impuesto!"



"Bo ta un homber masha dificil mes pa haya"



"Mi kier advertibo cu e cos aki ta bay haci un poco dolorrrrrr"